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A Merry
Christmas

and a

A Happy
New YearTo All Our Friends
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Final Appeal Judge
Gives Ruling on
Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the man, as above mentioned, has been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act."

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

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Canada's big produce in 1916 totaled 125,000,000 pounds. The Allied requirements in the same year were 1,000,000,000 pounds. In other words, the Allied markets alone could have taken ten times the total Canadian supply. Yet it is not only during war-time that the market is great. The export from Canada in the 1915 year period, which naturally covers at least two years of peace, averaged only six per cent of the United States production. The demand during the reconstruction period after the war may be assumed to be at least as great as it now is during the conflict.

If municipal by-laws were relaxed, or a war measure, so as to permit slaughterhouses to keep pigs near their dwellings and might be recommended. Mr. Howell has stated that properly kept pigs are no more insanitary than are dogs. By "backyard" methods alone last year Germany was able to take 500,000 more pigs than Canada possessed from coast to coast.

If the imperative necessity of increased production of food is realized by the farmers of this country, and by others who could help, there is no doubt that the problem will be solved. But we cannot afford to delay, for the demand is very great and the situation in regard to food is one of the utmost gravity.

The crisis which impelled our forefathers to unite in the effort to find a solution to their difficulties was by no means as acute as the crisis confronting Canada today, and Sir Robert Borden in endeavoring to bring about Union Government is not establishing, but he is following a precedent which has brought to Canada more lasting benefits than any legislation enacted under the party system. In fact, the present Union government is following the example of practically every belligerent power except the Central Powers. Britain has it; Australia has it; New Zealand and South Africa have it and there is absolutely no argument against the adoption of Union government in Canada.

Mr. Mitchell dealt at length with many of the real burning issues which have been before the public of the last few years before the path of the real issue before the people and appealed strongly to the farmers to remember that the most urgent duty of the country at the present time was to get out of the war. While the price of wheat was fixed at \$2.21 per bushel he asked them could they not afford to wait until the more pressing problems of the war had been solved before they would insist upon the question of tariffs be taken up.

Referring to the question of reinforcements he said that the Canadian had been defeated with all his heart the men who were willing for Britain, or the United States to bear

GERALDINE FARRAR
As "Joan The Woman"

At The Gem, Jan. 2nd and 3rd

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH WEST LAND REGULATIONS

THIS sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old who has been a resident in the Northwest Territories for at least one year in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homestead may be within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of less than 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the field.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$5.00 per acre.

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Persons who have exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$8.00 per acre. Duties—Six months residence in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$25.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, stony, or swampy land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. COVEY, C. M. O.

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will be paid for.

Hon. C. R. Mitchell Delivers Powerful Address Alberta Government Asked to Establish Mothers' Allowances

In view of the fact that two other events were scheduled for Friday night, it was an eloquent tribute to the personality of the Hon. C. R. Mitchell to find the Gem Theatre well filled by an enthusiastic band of supporters for his address on the Whys and Wherefores of Union Government.

Many of his friends who also a number of former opponents contended that Mr. Mitchell had never delivered a more powerful address, and he earnestly made a grave impression upon the earnestness and sincerity with which he made his appeal.

Mr. Mitchell in his opening remarks touched briefly upon the origin of the idea of Union Government. "Union Government," he said, "was no new thing in Canada, for the basis of our present Dominion was founded by a Union Government, fifty years ago, under Sir John Macdonald."

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It is proposed to ask the Government of Alberta to introduce a government measure at the coming session of the legislature a bill providing for a system of mothers' allowances. A draft act has already been submitted to Premier Stewart and his cabinet under the title of "The Mothers' Allowance Act," and it is expected that action will be taken.

The burden which Canada had voluntarily taken up and which, he contended, she would justly insist upon bearing until the end, Canada will never consent to become a sleeping partner in this war.

Mr. Mitchell spoke of the many needs which had been placed on the Statute Books by the Union Government since it had assumed office and declared that it had given great promise of revolutionizing the whole constitution if they deemed it necessary in carrying the war to its successful issue.

In conclusion the speaker earnestly exhorted every Unionist to do his share to the end of electing the Union Candidate in this riding. He pointed out the necessity of the government being returned with a good majority in order to control the situation at Ottawa.

At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Mitchell was given an ovation the like of which has never been accorded any public speaker before.

W. S. Playfair, Chairman of the Union Association, occupied the chair and courteously extended the privilege of the platform to one of the speakers of the Socialist party who asked permission to speak at the conclusion of Mr. Mitchell's address.

The speaker, Mr. Pajon, made a humorous (unintentional) speech in which he touchingly described the horror and the outrage of the conditions which permitted the capitalist class to make a grub-stake by the products of his brains, and prophesied the day when labor in its majestic solidity would refuse to work unless they obtained all the profits of their labor, when they would rule at Ottawa, and would legislate to prevent any man from making more than that which would feed, clothe and wash him and keep him in tobacco and Ford Cars.

Mr. Pajon did not take himself seriously and certainly did not treat his subject with either solemnity and was forgiven if we regard him and the way he handled his subject in the light of a joke also.

as it when the same "Cable Act" Manitoba already has such a law on its books, and a mothers' pension bill is before the legislature of Saskatchewan. Alberta, with quite as great need, it is said, as the other provinces, will be asked to take similar action.

PENSIONS FOR MOTHERS

The proposed act is intended to secure some degree of assistance from the state for mothers, called upon to rear the full burden of rearing their children. It provides for the administration of this aid by their constituted local boards of public welfare, or similar organizations, in any town or municipality, and the classes of mothers whom it is intended to assist are stated as "a widowed mother, who alone and without aid is unable properly to care for the family; or a mother whose husband is in the army for the issue, or in prison, or is suffering from an incurable disease; or any grandmother, aunt, or other female relative considered by the board to be the proper person to take care of the child."

TO HELP KEEP THE HOMES

The draft act then reads that "where shall be paid to mothers out of the consolidated revenue funds of the province such allowances, subject to the right of disallowance by the Minister, as shall from time to time be settled upon by the board, to enable the mothers to maintain their homes and to rear and educate their children in a proper home environment." The scale of allowance is 10¢ per week, to enable the mothers to maintain their homes and to rear and educate their children in a proper home environment. The scale of allowance is 10¢ per week, to enable the mothers to maintain their homes and to rear and educate their children in a proper home environment. The scale of allowance is 10¢ per week, to enable the mothers to maintain their homes and to rear and educate their children in a proper home environment.

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